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SUBJECT: WHITE BEAN TARIFF MAY BE REDUCED

1. A TRADE SOURCE IN PARIS ADVISED AGATT THAT IT HAS BECOME COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN BEAN TRADE THAT UK HAS REQUESTED A 6 MONTH TEMPORARY SUSPENSION IN CXT OF 4.5 PERCENT ON WHITE BEANS (NAVY, GREAT NORTHERN, OR SIMILAR). FURTHER WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUSPENSION WOULD APPLY ONLY TO BEANS DESTINED FOR USE BY CANNING INDUSTRY, WHICH OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO UK WHICH REPORTEDLY USES SMALL CAN NAVY BEANS AS COMPONENT IN PRICE INDEX.

2. USEC BRUSSELS ADVISED US EC COMMISSION HAS MADE FORMAL PROPOSAL AND HAS PASSED IT ON TO PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL FOR OFFICIAL APPROVAL, BUT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO INDICATION SUSPENSION WOULD APPLY ONLY TO BEANS FOR CANNING. FRENCH TRADE IS CONCERNED THAT SUSPENSION MAY APPLY TO CANNERS ONLY AND TRADE BELIEVES THIS WOULD TEND TO FOSTER DIRECT TRADE BYPASSING NORMAL CHANNELS. ALSO, TRADERS

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WOULD BE LEFT HOLDING BAG WITH STOCKS PURCHASED EARLIER

ON WHICH DUTY HAD BEEN PAID. IT APPEARS TO US THAT EC
WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY ADMINISTERING SITUATION TO PREVENT
BEANS OSTENSIBLY IMPORTED FOR CANNING FROM FINDING WAY IN-
TO DRY BEAN TRADE. FRENCH TRADE HAS CABLED MICHIGAN AND
IDAHO BEAN PRODUCERS OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED ABOVE WITH OUR EC MISSION AT BRUS-
SELS WHICH WILL REPORT ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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